

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 3387

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF J. PHIL CAMPBELL, SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION CENTER.

The Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, was passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3387, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST HELD BY UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill (H.R. 2670) to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the county of Iosco, MI, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

Mr. STENHOLM. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, but yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], for an explanation of the bill.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2670, sponsored by Congressman JAMES BARCIA, provides for the release of a reversionary interest held by the Forest Service in 1.9 acres of land in Iosco County, MI. The land belongs to the local airport but, due to a survey error, has been in private use. Authorities have agreed with the squatter to swap the property being used in exchange for another parcel of equal value. But, the reversionary interest on the 1.9 acres clouds the title and prevents the exchange. This reversionary interest says that when

the land is not longer used for airport purposes, it reverts back to the Forest Service. The bill, as amended in subcommittee, provides that, in exchange for adequate consideration, the reversionary interests is relinquished.

H.R. 2670 is a noncontroversial bill which was approved by a voice vote in both the subcommittee and full committee on May 30 and June 19, respectively, and enjoys the support of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. STENHOLM. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

(Mr. BARCIA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2670, a bill I sponsored, to provide for the release of reversionary interests held by the United States in certain property located in Iosco County, MI.

I want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry, chaired by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], and its ranking member, the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], for their willingness to help move this issue toward resolution.

In 1960 land was provided to Iosco County for the construction of an airport. This land was provided through the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of section 16 of the Federal Airport Act of 1946, and in conformity with Executive Order 10536 of June 9, 1954.

Using survey lines that had been drawn at the time, one of my constituents, Mr. Otto Peppel, constructed a cabin on land based upon the old survey that he believed to be his own. A conflict in the lines of occupation with the legal boundary lines was discovered in a 1976 survey performed for airport expansion, showing that 1.9 acres that Mr. Peppel believed to be his were in fact the airport's. Efforts to eliminate the title conflict have been going on since that time, culminating in the request to me to introduce legislation to allow for the dismissal of the reverter clause in this property.

Local authorities and Mr. Peppel have agreed to exchange a like amount of property so that the title can be cleared. However, given that the land was given to the county by the Secretary of Agriculture for public purposes, a reverter clause exists that must be quieted in order to clear the title.

In consultation with local staff of the U.S. Forest Service, this bill was drafted to allow for the clearance of this title. In further consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the House Agriculture Committee, the bill was amended with the agreement of all parties to provide that the reversionary interest of the United States is not lost, but rather is restored on another piece of property of equal value.

Given the support for the land swap from the property owners, local officials, and the Forest Service, this matter should be noncontroversial. I urge its adoption.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I thank my colleague for his explanation.

An amendment adopted by the committee will be offered to provide for compensation to the Forest Service for its release of a reversionary interest it holds in land affected by the proposed exchange.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill with the committee amendment, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2670

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

(a) RELEASE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall release, without consideration, the reversionary interest of the United States in the parcel of real property described in subsection (b), which was retained by the United States when the property was conveyed to the County of Iosco, Michigan, in 1960 pursuant to a deed recorded at Liber 144, beginning page 58, in the land records of the County.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The parcel of real property referred to in subsection (a) consists of 1.92 acres in the County of Iosco, Michigan, and is described as follows:

That part of the N.W. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Section 11, T.22 N.R. 8 East, Baldwin Township, Iosco County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the Center of said Section 11, thence South 89 degrees, 15' 41" East, along the East-West ¼ Line of said Section 11, 102.0 feet, thence South 00 degrees 08' 07" East, along an existing fence line, 972.56 feet, thence North 89 degrees 07' 13" W. 69.70 feet to a point in the North-South ¼ Line, thence North 02 degrees 02' 12" West, along said North-South ¼ Line, 973.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

(c) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The Secretary may require such terms or conditions in connection with the release under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(d) INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.—The Secretary shall execute and file in the appropriate office of offices a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument effectuating the release of the reversionary interest under this section.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Committee amendment is the nature of a substitute: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

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